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Time and Place of Holding Next Meeting.

This Synod will meet on the Wednesday evening preceding the full moon in October, 1874, in the City of Abilene, Kansas.

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The President, Rev. D. Harbaugh, of Waterville, Kansas, preached his opening sermon from Pslams, 85, 6. "*Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee.*"

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 2d, 1873.—9 o'clock a. m.

After spending one-half hour in devotional exercises, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman, of Ottawa, Kansas.

Rev. S. P. Harrington was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The roll of the clerical members was called, and the absentees noted. The lay delegates presented their credentials, and were received as members of Synod.

Revs. Samuel Cook, and C Young, of the Synod of Northern Illinois, and Rev. Joseph K. Eckman, of the Wittenberg Synod, were, upon presentation of their honorable dismissals from their respective Synods, received as members of this body. The Secretary was instructed to place the name of Rev. M. J. Firey upon the church list of Synod.

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which the benevolence of our people may be raised to a higher standard, and the amount apportioned to our Synod by the General Synod for benevolent purposes, may annually be contributed.

And now, beloved brethren, may we all realize our responsibilities as ministers of Jesus Christ and under-shepherds in His Kingdom—feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, and when our work on earth is done, may we enter into the joys of our Lord. Respectfully submitted.

D. HARBAUGH.

On motion the report was laid on the table for reference and action.

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Election of Officers.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected. Rev. R. Weiser, of Colorado, was elected President; Rev. S. P. Harrington, of Abilene, Kansas, Secretary, and Bro. J. H. Schell, of Kansas City, Missouri, Treasurer. The newly elected President, upon taking his seat, entertained the Synod for a short time with a very interesting address, closing with thanks to the Synod for the honor thus conferred.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the preceding convention of Synod was dispensed with, and the President was ordered to refer them to an appropriate committee.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to an auditing committee.

Synod then adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. M. J. Firey.

SECOND SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m.

Opened with prayer by Rev. S. N. St. John.

The President appointed the following committees:

Committee on President's Report—Rev. D. S. Altman, Rev. Chas. Young, Bro. J. H. Schell.

Committee on Minutes of the General and other Synods, and Home Missions—Rev. D. Harbaugh, Rev. D. S. Altman.

Committee on Railroad Fares—Bro. J. H. Schell, Rev. M. J. Firey.

Committee on Examination of Candidates—Rev. R. Weiser, Rev. S. P. Harrington, Rev. M. J. Firey.

Committee on Correspondence and Excuses—Rev. S. N. St. John, Rev. T. W. Sargent, Bro. D. Harkey, Bro. J. H. Schell, Rev. S. P. Harrington.

Committee on Application of Churches for Membership in this Synod—Rev. D. Harbaugh, Rev. S. P. Harrington, Rev. C. Young.

Committee on V. G. Haag's Case—Rev. D. S. Altman, Rev. T. W. Sargent, Rev. C. Young.

Committee on Treasurer's Report—Rev. D. Harbaugh, Bro. D. Harkey.

Committee on Swedish Church at Topeka—Rev. S. P. Harrington, T. W. Sargent.

Parochial Reports.

The members of Synod presented verbal statements with regard to their work in their respective fields of labor, including many interesting items, facts and circumstances, which show the vastness and importance of our work. "Truly the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." (See statistical report.)

On motion 9 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. were fixed as the time of opening the sessions, and 12 M., and 5 P. M., for closing.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. Harbaugh.

THIRD SESSION.

OCTOBER 3d—9 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read, corrected and approved.

Reports of Committees.

Committee on Railroad Fares reported:

Your Committee on Railroad Fares would respectfully report that we saw the officers of the Missouri Railroad, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad, and Kansas Pacific Railway, all of which refuse any reduction of fares. The Missouri Pacific, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and Central Pacific railroads very kindly made reductions, for which your committee recommend that the highest gratitude of this Synod be expressed to the railways which have granted said reductions.

M. J. FIREY, J. H. SCHELL, } Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on President's Report reported:

Your committee respectfully report that we find in the President's report the following items which claim our attention:

1st. The charges preferred by the editor of the Girard Press (Mr. Wasser) February 6, 1873, against Rev. V. G. Haag, a member of this Synod. As this matter properly belongs to the Ministerium, your committee would recommend that it be referred to the earnest consideration of that body.

Item 2nd has reference to the adoption of some plan by which the benevolence of our people may be raised to a higher standard. On this item your committee would recommend the Box System of the General Synod's committee on S. B. B. be continued by this Synod, and that every minister in connection with this body be earnestly requested to carry out this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN, C. YOUNG, J. H. SCHELL, } Committee.

On motion the report was adopted *seriatim*.

On motion item first was adopted.

On motion item second was amended and adopted.

The delegates to the General Synod offered their report:

Your delegation, appointed to represent this body in the Twenty-sixth Convention of the General Synod, which convened at Canton, Ohio, June 11, 1873, respectfully report that they attended said Convention and were greatly pleased with the earnest, harmonious and progressive spirit manifested in all the deliberations of that venerable body. A very large amount of business claimed the attention of the Convention, among which we mention: Church extension, home and foreign missions. These important enterprises elicited the most earnest discussions, and a very general desire was manifested that the Church of the Reformation should put forth the most vigorous effort to meet the greatly increasing demands of her work in the evangelization and conversion of the world to the Lord Jesus. The Synod resolved to raise $65,000 00 for church extension, home and foreign missions, annually, and that this amount should be apportioned among the District Synods, and that the chairman of each delegation shall be charged with the duty of bringing this matter before his Synod.

We would respectfully call your attention to the apportionment made for this Synod, viz.: $459 98.

The chairman of your delegation was also instructed to call the attention of Synod to the diversion of funds collected through the "Lord's Treasury Boxes," and endeavor to have the same remedied.

This Synod is also expected to raise $23 00, to pay the expenses of delegates to the General Synod.

Your delegation would offer the following resolution, touching the apportionment of the General Synod on the $65,000 00 to be raised for church purposes:

Resolved, That this Synod assumes its proportion of the apportionment, and that a committee be now appointed to apportion our part among the members of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, D. S. ALTMAN, J. H. SCHELL, } Committee.

The report was adopted *seriatim*.

Item first was adopted, and a committee on apportionment was appointed. Committee—Revs. D. S. Altman, D. Harbaugh and Bro. J. H. Schell.

Item second was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Committee on Application of Churches for Membership in this Synod reported:

The papers placed in our hands are: The constitution of St. John's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Salina, and the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, of New Camoria, with request for membership in this body. As the constitutions are in harmony with the constitution of this Synod, we recommend that their request be granted. We would also recommend that each of these congregations incorporate into their constitutions an article, in substance, as follows:

No one shall be elected pastor of this church who is not connected with a Synod in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States.

Respectfully submitted, D. HARBAUGH, S. P. HARRINGTON, CHAS. YOUNG, } Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Treasurer's report reported as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD:—Below you will find a statement of the Treasurer in account with the Kansas Synod, as per record and vouchers.

Synodical purposes	$46 47
Paid out	41 25
Balance due Synod	$ 5 22
Education	$34 39
Paid Dr. S. Spreeher	27 63
Balance on hand	$ 6 76
Foreign Missions	$43 84
Paid to M. Bucier	33 91
Balance on hand	$ 9 93
Home Missions	$81 37
Paid B. H. Missions	77 37
Balance on hand	$ 4 00
Church Extension	$32 42
Paid B. C. Extension	32 42
Total receipts	$238 49
Disbursements	212 58
Balance on hand	$ 25 91

Respectfully submitted, J. H. SCHELL, Treasurer.

Your committee have examined the above report of the Treasurer, and the accompanying vouchers, and find them all correct, and recommend that the report be published in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

D. HARBAUGH, D. HARKEY, } Committee.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Sargent.

FOURTH SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Rev. S. P. Harrington.

A special committee on certain miscellaneous papers was appointed. Committee—Rev. S. Cook and Bro. D. Harkey.

Committee on Swedish Church at Topeka, reported:

The paper placed in our hands is a communication from the members of the Scandinavian Church at Topeka, informing us that they have formed a new constitution and have called a minister from the Augustana Synod.

Your committee would recommend that the President appoint a committee to meet the said Church in Topeka to ascertain, if possible, the amount paid to them by the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Topeka and

elsewhere, and that the said church be required to pay back the amount without interest, and that they be allowed to keep the church building.

Respectfully submitted, S. P. HARRINGTON, T. W. SARGENT, } Committee.

The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to instruct the Swedish brethren at Topeka, remaining loyal to the General Synod, to retain their old organization, elect their Trustees and hold the church property as the property of the General Synod, and if their church is not incorporated, to have it done at once.

Committee—Revs. J. B. McAfee, D. W. Nellis and Elias Scholl.

The report, as it now stands, was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to inform the committee of their duty.

The following committee was appointed on vacant congregations: Revs. M. J. Firey, D. Harbaugh and J. H. Schell.

On motion, Synod resolved itself into a session of the Ministerium.

FIFTH SESSION.

OCTOBER 4th—9 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Rev. C. Young.

Committee on Apportionment reported.

Your committee on the apportionment of the $10,000 to be raised, would respectfully report, that, after a careful consideration of the subject, we would recommend that each minister raise for this fund, during the year, at least one dollar per member.

Resolved, That each minister in connection with this Synod, without a charge, be hereafter requested to pay, annually, into the Synodical Treasury not less than five dollars.

Respectfully submitted, D. S. ALTMAN, D. HARBAUGH, } Committee.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were then submitted by the committee on resolutions, with reference to appointing a traveling missionary for the Synod of Kansas and adjacent States:

WHEREAS, The territory of our Synod has suffered greatly already from the lack of more extended missionary effort, by members of the Lutheran Church in different portions of the State uniting with sister churches, or becoming utterly indifferent to all church relations,

WHEREAS, The history of our church in the past proves the vast benefit derived from the efforts of traveling missionaries upon our unoccupied territory; and,

WHEREAS, Other influential and powerful denominations, by the use of such missionaries in the past and present, have met with the most encouraging success upon our territory; therefore,

Resolved, That as a Synod, convinced of our neglect, and consequent loss, in the past, we feel that this important means can be dispensed with no longer.

Resolved, That we instruct the several missionaries and ministers within our bounds to devote at least one Sabbath in each quarter to missionary effort at the most available and important points within their reach and beyond the bounds of their charges.

Resolved, That we appoint one traveling missionary, whose duty it shall be to visit certain points at least once in three months.

Resolved, That we most respectfully ask our Board of Home Missions to appropriate funds for the support of our traveling missionary, pledging them in return that we will aid them to the utmost in raising funds for the same.

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee appoint said missionary, who shall report to them the progress of his operations and the funds contributed for such purpose. Respectfully submitted, M. J. FIREY, D. S. ALTMAN, } Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

The following was then offered:

Resolved, That our interests at Atchison claim our immediate attention.

Adopted.

Committee on Correspondence and Excuses reported:

Your committee would respectfully report that the papers placed in our hands are principally parochial reports and excuses. Being unable to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion in reference to said papers, we respectfully refer them for the consideration of Synod. Respectfully submitted.

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Revs. Charles Martin, G. A. Exline, Henry Heigard and A. W. Wagenhals, for want of satisfactory reasons, were not excused for non-attendance. Revs. F. R. Scherer, George Walker, Joseph K. Eckman and Charles Hawkinson were excused. Rev. J. B. McAfee was, on motion, excused, and Synod expressed its heartfelt sympathies with our dear brother in his great affliction. May the great Head of the Church comfort him and speedily restore him to health and usefulness.

On motion, Synod entered into an election for the choice of a Missionary Committee. Rev. M. J. Firey and J. H. Schell were appointed tellers. Rev. D. Harbaugh, Rev. S. P. Harrington and Bro. Conrad H. Lebold were elected.

On motion, Revs. D. Harbaugh and D. S. Altman were appointed a committee to report on absentees who have not sent valid excuses for the past two years.

Committee No. 2 on Minutes of Synod reported:

Your committee find the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

1st. Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Stranger Creek was received last year, with the proviso that they harmonize their constitution with the constitution of this Synod, and report at this meeting. Have they done so?

2d. The officers of Synod were appointed to see to the interests of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Topeka. Have they attended to this duty?

3d. Revs. J. B. McAfee, S. P. Harrington and Bro. J. H. Schell were appointed to district the Synod into pastoral charges. Have they done so?

4th. A committee was appointed to draft a model constitution for the government of congregations, and report at this meeting. Is the committee ready to report?

5th. Have the delegates to sister Synods attended to their duties?

In the report on Systematic Beneficence we find that one hundred and eighty-five churches—less than one-third in the General Synod—contributed, on the boq plan, $28,000 in one year. Hence, if all the congregations would adopt this plan, and contribute in the same proportion, over $100,000 would be contributed

annually. They also request that annual collections be taken for the following objects:

On the first Sunday in January for Home Missions.

On the first Sunday in April for Foreign Missions.

On the first Sunday in July for Education.

And on the first Sunday in October for Church Extension.

We earnestly recommend that such collections be taken in all our congregations.

The minutes of the Synod of Iowa show that the brethren are actively engaged in the work of the Lord. We find nothing in them claiming the attention of this body. Respectfully submitted,

D. HARBAUGH, } Committee.
D. S. ALTMAN, }

In regard to item 1st we have no report.

Item 2d. Topeka was visited. Nothing was accomplished.

Item 3d. Nothing could be done in districting in the preceding year, except Monrovia and Grasshopper Falls were united.

Item 4th. The committee did not report.

Item 5th. Only in part.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. Cook.

SIXTH SESSION.

9 o'clock a. m.

Opened with prayer by Rev. S. N. St. John.

Rev. M. J. Firey offered the following preamble and resolution on temperance:

WHEREAS, That the crime of intemperance has not been decreased or even checked by moral suasion, thereby proving that more aggressive and effectual measures must be taken to overthrow the traffic in intoxicating liquors; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members and delegates of the Kansas Synod, believing that God has used political power to aid moral reform in the past, and is now using it for the same purpose, do pledge ourselves to use our efforts in fireing the temperance reform into the political arena, and there defending and sustaining it until our triumph is complete.

Adopted.

The committee on certain papers reported:

Your committee would report that the papers placed in their hands are,

1st. A letter from Rev. E. M. Anthony, a member of the Lutheran Synod of Illinois, stating that he was appointed to attend the meeting of our Synod, but cannot be with us and that his prayers and sympathy are with us. We recommend that a delegate be appointed to that body.

2d. Is a letter from Rev. J. M. Rees, delegate from the Iowa Synod, bearing the fraternal greeting of said body to this Synod. We deeply regret his absence and heartily appreciate the fraternal feeling borne by the Synod through him. We pray for the richest of heaven's blessings to rest upon their work.

3d. Is a letter from Rev. John G. Ellinger, asking to be excused for non-attendance at Synod. He asks that his name be stricken from the ministerial roll, for the reason that he has lost his health, and has no hope of ever engaging

in the active duties of the ministry. We do most heartily sympathise with our dear old father in his affliction; and it is the desire of this body that his name remain with us upon the ministerial list, as one of the veterans of the Cross of our Lord Jesus. Respectfully submitted,

D. HARKEY, }
S. COOK, } Committee.

The report was amended and adopted.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. Weiser.

SEVENTH SESSION.

OCTOBER 6—8 o'clock a. m.

The Home Mission Committee reported the following:

Your committee on Home Missions had, during the past year, but one application for aid, which was from the Salem charge—Rev. C. Young, pastor. We recommended him to the Board of Home Missions, and they sent him a commission to labor as their missionary.

Respectfully submitted, D. HARBAUGH, Committee.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

Resolved, That every minister of this Synod and members of our congregations be most earnestly requested to send their contributions for Home and Foreign Missions, Education and Church Extension, and all moneys to be disbursed by the General Synod or its Boards, to the Treasurer of our Synod, J. H. Schell, of Kansas City, Missouri.

The following bill was presented:

Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States,

To D. Harbaugh Dr.

Express charges on 75 copies of the supplement to the Lutheran Observer	$2 00
Postage on sending them to ministers	48
Total	$2 48

On motion the bill was allowed and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the amount out of the funds of Synod.

Election of Commissioners to Carthage College.

Synod entered into an election for the choice of Commissioners to Carthage College. Revs. S. N. St. John and D. S. Altman were appointed tellers.

Revs. S. P. Harrington, M. J. Firey and Bro. J. H. Schell were elected.

The Committee on Vacant Churches reported:

Your committee recommend,

1st. That Kansas City English Lutheran Church be supplied by Revs. M. J. Firey, A. A. Simpson and Charles Martin, M. D.

2d. The charge in Crawford county, Kansas, by Revs. D. S. Altman, S. Cook and T. W. Sargent.

3d. Grasshopper Falls by Rev. D. Harbaugh.

4th. Topeka, by Revs. M. J. Firey, S. P. Harrington and A. A. Trimper.

5th. White Rock, by Rev. Joseph K. Eckman.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, request these points to pay at least the expenses of the above named supplies, and that collections be taken for this purpose and Home Missions.

Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of this body that these vacant congregations procure pastors at once, as the only safe course for them to pursue.

Resolved, That Rev. M. J. Firey be appointed a committee to see to the interests of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church at Atchison.

Respectfully submitted, D. HARBAUGH, M. J. FIREY, } Committee.

The Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

An election was held for the time and place of the next meeting of this Synod. Abilene, Dickinson county, Kansas, was chosen as the place, and the Wednesday before the full moon in October, 1874, as the time.

Rev. D. Harbaugh was elected Delegate to the Iowa Synod.

Education Committee.

Resolved, That we elect an Education Committee of three, to supervise the education of Bro. Robert White, who wishes to prepare himself for the Gospel Ministry, and that the funds for education be applied to his benefit, if, after due examination by said committee, he be found worthy.

Committee—Revs. D. S. Altman, D. Harbaugh and M. J. Firey.

Special Subjects,

The following named brethren were appointed to preach on special subjects at the next meeting of Synod:

Home and Foreign Missions—Rev. D. S. Altman. Alternate, Rev. S. Cook.

Ordination—Rev. D. Harbaugh. Alternate, Rev. R. Weiser.

Temperance—Rev. M. J. Firey. Alternate, Rev. S. N. St. John.

Education—Revs. A. A. Trimper and George A. Exline.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have three hundred copies of the minutes of this convention published, and to publish an abstract of the proceedings in the Lutheran Observer and American Lutheran.

The Committee on Absentees (who have been absent over two years without a valid excuse) reported, verbally, that they find from the minutes of the previous conventions, that Rev. J. B. Corbett and Rev. E. J. Keplinger have been absent without excuse two years, and are subject to the penalty of the resolution passed at Grasshopper Falls in 1871.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Secretary.

The Synod then resolved itself into a meeting of the Ministerium and its business sessions were considered closed.

May the blessing of God our Heavenly Father, ever rest upon this body, and may the deliberations of this convention promote His glory and advance the interests of His kingdom upon the earth. Amen.

MINISTERIUM.

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The Ministerium of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Kansas Synod and Adjacent States, met at Kansas City, Missouri.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 3d, 1873—4 o'clock p. m.

Opened with prayer by Rev. R. Weiser.

Rev. D. S. Altman, Chairman of the committee on Rev. V. G. Haag's case, made a verbal report; after which Rev. V. G. Haag was introduced and allowed to speak for himself to the Ministerium. No action was reached in the case in this session.

The Ministerium adjourned with prayer by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 4th—4 p. m.

Opened with prayer by Rev. M. J. Firey.

The case of Rev. V. G. Hagg was again taken up, after which the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That Rev. T. W. Sargent, of Emporia, be appointed a committee to go to Girard and investigate the case of Bro. V. G. Haag, and report the result to the Secretary of Synod.

Report of Committee of Examination.

The Chairman of the committee on the examination of candidates for license to preach the Gospel, reported favorably upon the proficiency of Bro. N. G. Bergenskold, and recommended that he be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That Bro. N. G. Bergenskold be licensed for one year, or until the next meeting of this Synod.

Resolved, That Bro. Charles Hawkinson's license be renewed for one year, or until the next meeting of this Synod, and that he labor under the direction of Rev. D. Harbaugh.

Resolved That Revs. D. Harbaugh, M. J. Firey and S. P. Harrington be appointed a committee to have an interview with Revs. E. J. Keplinger and A. W. Wagenhals.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. Cook.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, October 6th—11 a. m.

Opened with prayer by Rev. C. Young.

Rev. S. N. St. John applied for an honorable dismissal from this Synod, to unite with the Highland Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

On motion, the President was instructed to give Rev. S. N. St. John an honorable dismissal from this body to unite with said Presbytery.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That Synod now adjourn to meet at Abilene, Dickinson county, Kansas, on Wednesday evening preceeding the full moon in October, 1874.

The convention was then closed by singing, and prayer by the President.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a correct report of the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

S. P. HARRINGTON, Secretary.

Calendar of Religious Services.

Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Opening sermon by the President, Rev. D. Harbaugh, from Psalms lxxxv, 6.

THURSDAY EVENING.—Sermon by Rev. S. P. Harrington, from II. Cor. iv, 17.

FRIDAY EVENING.—Rev. S. N. St. John, from Gal. vi, 14.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.—Rev. C. Young—Preparatory sermon, St. John v, 28. 29.

SATURDAY EVENING.—The Anniversary of Home and Foreign Missions were Celebrated—Addresses were delivered by Revs. R. Weiser, D. S. Altman and M. J. Firey.

SABBATH MORNING.—Communion Service, by Rev. R. Weiser, from Luke xxiii, 33.

SABBATH EVENING.—Rev. M. J. Firey, from St. John v, 28. 29.

SABBATH AFTERNOON—Children's meeting—Addresses by Revs. R. Weiser, S. P. Harrington and D. S. Altman.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

SABBATH MORNING.—Rev. D. S. Altman, from Psalms xxxii, 1.

SABBATH EVENING.—Rev. S. N. St. John, from ——.

German Evangelical Church.

SABBATH EVENING.—Rev. V. G. Haag, from Luke xxiv, 34.

Parochial Table.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Number of Churches	Number of Preaching Places	Admissions. By Confirmation	By Letter	By Adult Baptism	By Profession	Removals. By Letter	By Death	By Profession	By Adult Baptism	By Excommunication	Number of Communicants	Number of Infant Baptisms	Number of Catechumens	Sunday School Statistics. Lutheran	Union	Teachers	Scholars	Prayer Meetings	Benevolence. Education	Synodical Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Local Objects	General Benevolence	Church Extension
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" C. J. Lindahl	1	3	1			4	1	4				25			1			2	1		1 25					
" S. N. St. John	1	1						1				98			2			22	1		3 00					
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" A. A. Trimper	1	2		1	4							65	2	3	1		1	15	1		1 75			116 00		15 50
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